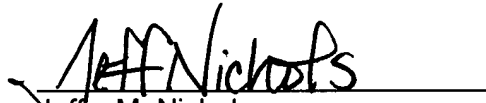


REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 1-11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for early allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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